

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 11, 12, 15 and 17-21 are pending the application; Claims 1-5, 11, 12, 15 and 17-21 stand rejected in the previous Final Action. By this Amendment Claims 1, 4-5, 11-12, 15 and 19 have been amended, claims 2-3 and 16 have been cancelled, and new Claims 22-27 have been added. These amendments and new claims add no new matter to the application.

Claims 1-5, 11, 12 15, 17, 18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 as allegedly containing subject matter not enabling to one skilled in the art; Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. However in the interests of early arrival at an indication of allowable subject matter, Applicant has amended the claims to recite "inhibiting or reducing beta-amyloid protein fibril formation, deposition or accumulation", and eliminated reference to amyloid diseases. Thus the amyloid fibril inhibition disclosure is believed to be enabling of the amended claims. The amended claims are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-4 are further objected to as reciting "conformation similarity"; Applicant respectfully traverses these objections. However, in the interests of arriving at an early definition of allowable subject matter, recitations of "conformation similarity" have been eliminated. The objection is therefore now moot.

Claims 19 and 21 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 as reciting "an environment"; Applicant respectfully traverses these objections. However, in the interests of arriving at an early definition of allowable subject matter, recitations of "an environment" have been eliminated. Claim 19 is now addressed to "inhibiting or reducing beta-amyloid protein fibril formation, deposition or accumulation" in "any site containing beta-amyloid protein". The amended claims are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration is requested.

Applicant acknowledges the opportunity for a telephone Interview on 7/16/2004 between the Examiner and Patrick Dwyer. All claims were discussed. The Examiner indicated that the current proposed amendments, which had been submitted as an After Final amendment, could not be entered After Final because she felt they would require new searching and/or left issues unresolved.

Applicant believes that it has responded fully to all of the concerns expressed by the Examiner in the Final Action, and respectfully requests that new Claims be entered and examined, and that early favorable action be taken on all claims pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests reexamination of all rejected claims and early favorable action on them as well. Applicant also request the favor of a pre-Office Action Interview, as to which Applicant requests a call to Patrick Dwyer at (206) 343-7074.

Respectfully submitted,



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